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FM AMEMBASSY SANAA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5284

INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA IMMEDIATE

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TAGS: MASS, YE, SA

SUBJ: SAUDI PURCHASE U.S. ARMS FOR YAR

REF: STATE 078961 (NOTAL)

1. MANY THANKS FOR INFORMATION IN REFTEL, PARTICULARLY
IN PARA 4, SUBSTANCE OF WHICH I CONVEYED TO PRESIXUNT
HAMDI DURING MY APRIL 8 CALL.

2. I ALSO MENTIONED TO PRESIDENT HAMDI SECRETARY
ATHERTON'S IDEA OF A YAR MILITARY MISSION TO RIYADH
TO PRESENT YET AGAIN YEMEN'S CASE. HAMDI WELCOMED PROPOSAL
AND ASKED ME TO GIVE HIM A FEW DAYS NOTICE SO THAT THE
MISSION MIGHT BE NAMED AND PREPARTATIONS MADE FOR ITS
DEPARTURE TO RIYADH.

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3. AS INSTRUCTED, I DID NOT GIVE HAMDI SPECIFIC DATES OR
DETAILS OF DEPSEC CLEMENTS' VISIT. WHILE DEFERRING
TO AMEMBASSY JIDDA, IT WOULD APPEAR TO ME, HOWEVER,
THAT IT MIGHT NOT BE A GOOD IDEA TO HAVE BOTH THE
AMERICAN AND YEMENI MISSION IN RIYADH AT THE SAME
TIME. IF THIS IS SO, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE SUEFUL

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TO GIVE HAMDI, ON A STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, THE

DATES OF THE CLEMENTS MISSION SO THAT YEMENIS MIGHT
ARRIVE A FEW DAYS EARLIER TO MAKE THEIR PITCH.
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